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LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT IN SUGAR MILLS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugar mills set up before May, 1981 are required to install the pollution control equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of sugar mills which have not installed such equipment so far; and

(d) the action taken / being taken by the Government against such mills?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S RAGHUPATHY)

(a) to (c) As per information provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), all sugar mills irrespective of their year of establishment including those set up before May, 1981 are required to install the pollution control equipments to meet the prescribed norms stipulated by the Pollution Control Boards.There are 577 sugar mills in the country.Out of these 577 mills, 447 units have provided requisite pollution control facilities, 89 were closed down and 41 have not provided adequate pollution control facilities.

(d) The CPCB has issued directions under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 in the case of 8 sugar mills and directions under section 18 (1) (b) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 to respective State Boards in the case of 7 sugar mills.

The Statewise breakup of 41 sugar mills which have not installed pollution control equipments is Haryana-02, Karnataka-03, Maharashtra-15, Orissa-01, Punjab-04, Tamil Nadu-10, Uttaranchal-05 and West Bengal-01.